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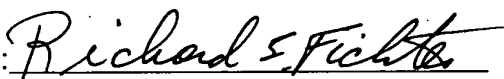
REMARKS

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention, drawn to a semiconductor device which includes claims 1-18, without traverse. Applicants have canceled claims 19-27 without prejudice or disclaimer and reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention at a later time.

In view of the election of the Group I invention without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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